

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No.: 5:18-CV-01983-LCB
TENNESSEE VALLEY)
AUTHORITY,)
)
Defendant.)

DEFENDANT'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE SUMMARY JUDGMENT RECORD

Defendant Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA") respectfully submits this reply in support of its pending motion to supplement the summary judgment record (Doc. 128).

- 1. ND offers only two grounds in opposition to TVA's motion, both of which are frivolous.
- 2. *First*, ND complains that the record is being supplemented "two weeks before the summary judgment hearing." Doc. 129 at 1. But ND fails to mention that the relevant materials that TVA seeks to supplement the record with have only recently been released by the NRC.
- 3. *Second*, ND erroneously insists that the information in the supplemental materials is cumulative. Doc. 129 at 1. But, for example, the NRC's pronouncement

pertaining to the extension of the Unit 2 construction permit is a clear and unequivocal statement that fatally undermines ND's repeated assertion that the status of the Unit 2 construction permit had been in doubt. Furthermore, the fact that these materials from the NRC bolster points previously made by TVA is hardly a reason to prevent supplementation of the record. And while TVA understands that ND wishes that the NRC did not support TVA's position on these points, that too is no reason to prevent supplementation of the record.¹

- 4. Remarkably, after opposing supplementation of the record, ND then submits three pages of argument about points it would cite from the supplemental materials. Doc. 129 at 2-5. ND cannot have its cake and eat it too.
- 5. Finally, ND says that TVA submitted an incomplete exhibit with its motion to supplement. Doc. 128 at 1. Not so. The NRC's order extending the construction permits (Doc. 128-1) stands alone, and it includes the information that TVA believes is necessary to supplement the record. The Court should reject ND's suggestion that additional materials (*i.e.*, a cover letter and separate safety evaluation) are required to be part of TVA's supplemental submission.

¹ The Court also may take judicial notice of the documents because both documents are federal agency orders. *See N.L.R.B. v. Goya Foods of Fla.*, 525 F.3d 1117, 1139 n.30 (11th Cir. 2008) (A "district court c[an] take judicial notice of [an] agency order." (citation and internal quotations omitted)); *Sw. Georgia Fin. Corp. v. Colonial Am. Cas. & Sur. Co.*, No. CIV.A. 7:08-CV-55HL, 2009 WL 1410272, at *1 (M.D. Ga. May 19, 2009) ("[A] Court may take judicial notice of the rules, regulations and orders of administrative agencies issued pursuant to their delegated authority." (citation omitted)).

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of February, 2021.

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